

The President of the Senate signed the following bills, after publicly reading their captions, to-wit:

House Bill No. 25: "An Act to fix the first terms of the District Courts under the present Constitution;" and House Bill No. 39: "An Act to provide for the current printing of the Fifteenth Legislature."

Senate Bill No. 49, entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to establish a penal code for the State of Texas,'" approved August 28, 1856, was taken up, read third time, and, on motion of Senator McLeary, the further consideration of the bill was postponed to Wednesday, May 17, next.

Senator Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate go into an election of United States Senator at 11:30 A. M. to-day, to fill the vacancy to be made by the expiration of the term of the Hon. M. C. Hamilton.

Senator Carroll moved to strike out "11:30," and insert "12 o'clock M." Accepted.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Senator Grace, the Senate took recess until 12 o'clock M. Recess expired. Roll called. Quorum present. Full Senate.

The President announced that the time had arrived for the Senate to go into the election of a United States Senator to succeed the Hon. Morgan C. Hamilton, whose term of office expires March 4, 1877.

Senator Ledbetter nominated the Hon. John Hancock.

Senator Smith nominated the Hon. Richard Coke.

Senator Brown nominated the Hon. John Ireland.

Senator Crain nominated the Hon. F. S. Stockdale.

Those voting for Hon. John Hancock were as follows: Senators Ball, Brady, Burton, Ford, Ledbetter, McLeary, McCormick, Ripetoe and Terrell—9.

Those voting for Hon. Richard Coke were as follows: Senators Blas-singame, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Grace, Guy, Henry J. R., Henry F. M., Martin, McCulloch, Moore, Piner, Smith and Stephens—14.

Those voting for Hon. John Ireland were as follows: Senators Brown, Carroll, Hobby, Motley, Storey, Thompson and Wortham—7.

Those voting for Hon. Fletcher S. Stockdale were as follows: Senator Crain—1.

On motion of Senator Crain, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 3, 1876. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. O. Fisher.

Journals of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator McCulloch introduced a bill entitled: "An Act concerning offenses against the public health."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Statistics of Industry, Public Health and History of Texas.

Senator Moore introduced a bill to be entitled: "An Act to amend 'An Act to establish a penal code for the State of Texas,'" approved August 28, 1856.

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Senator Storey introduced a bill to be entitled: "An Act prescribing certain requirements in, and the effect to be given to deeds made by Sheriffs and other officers, under sales made by virtue of executions issued on judgments rendered by Justices of the Peace, and Mayors of towns and cities."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senator Terrell introduced a bill entitled: "An Act to extend the time for renewing files of land certificates, making surveys and returns of field notes, and for issuing patents therefor."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Senator Thompson introduced a bill to be entitled: "An Act to provide for the enforcement of final judgments rendered in civil cases in the several courts in this State."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Senator Blassingame introduced a bill to be entitled: "An Act to enable the qualified voters of any county, Justice's precinct, town or city in the State, to determine by a majority vote whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the limits of such county, Justice's precinct, town or city."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Orders of the day were taken up.

Senate Bill No. 26, a bill to be entitled, "An Act to require the Clerks of the District Courts of the State to provide and keep indexes and cross-indexes of the names of the parties to all causes in their courts, and to provide a penalty for their failure to comply with the provisions of this act," was taken up with the accompanying report of committee recommending amendments.

First amendment of the committee, "to strike out Section 4 of the bill," was adopted.

Senator Edwards offered the following amendment to the second amendment of the committee, which was an amendment to Section 3 of the bill: Amend by adding after the word, "index," the words, "by any County Commissioners' Court."

Lost.

The amendment of the committee to Section 3 was adopted.

Senator Hobby offered the following amendment: After the word, "courts," in the caption, insert, "and to authorize the County Commissioners' Court to fix their compensation therefor."

Lost.

Senator Edwards offered the following amendment: Amend Section 3 by striking out after the word, "filed," the words, "during his term of office and ———."

Lost.

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 29, a bill to be entitled, "An Act to fix the time of holding the next general election," was taken up, and on motion of Senator Douglass, its further consideration was postponed until to-day week.

By leave, Senator Ball introduced a bill, entitled: "An Act to amend an act entitled: 'An Act to provide for the supplying of lost records in the several counties in this State,'" approved April 14, 1874.

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

On motion of Senator Crain, the Senate took a recess until 11:55 A.M.

Recess expired. Senate called to order. Roll called. Quorum present.

A message was received from the House announcing that it was ready to receive the Senate in joint session to proceed to the election of a United States Senator to fill the place of the Hon. M. C. Hamilton, which expires March the fourth, 1877.

On motion of Senator Piner, the Senate proceeded to the House of Representatives.

IN JOINT SESSION.

Roll of Senators called. Quorum present. Full Senate.

House roll called. Quorum present.

Journals of both Houses, in regard to the election of United States Senator on yesterday, read.

The Speaker of the House announced that there was no choice of Senator made yesterday; that the joint session of the two Houses would proceed to another vote, and that nominations were now in order.

On the part of the Senate, Senator Ledbetter nominated Hon. John Hancock.

Senator McCulloch nominated Hon. Richard Coke.

Senator Hobby nominated Hon. John Ireland.

Senator Crain nominated Hon. F. S. Stockdale.

On the part of the House, Mr. Lang nominated Hon. Richard Coke.

Mr. Denman nominated Hon. John Ireland.

Mr. Shaw nominated Hon. John Hancock.

Mr. Perrenot nominated Hon. F. S. Stockdale.

The Secretary of the Senate was directed to call the roll of Senators, and the following was the result of the vote:

Those voting for Hon. John Hancock were: Senators Ball, Brady, Burton, Ford, Ledbetter, McCormick, Ripetoe, Terrell—8.

Those voting for Hon. Richard Coke were: Senators Blassingame, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Grace, Guy, Henry J. R., Henry F. M., Martin, McLeary, McCulloch, Moore, Piner, Smith, Stephens—15.

Those voting for Hon. John Ireland were: Senators Brown, Carroll, Hobby, Motley, Storey, Thompson, Wortham—7.

Those voting for Hon. F. S. Stockdale were: Senator Crane—1.

The President of the Senate having announced the result of the vote in the Senate, the roll of the House was called. The following Representatives voted for Hon. John Hancock: Campbell, Cardis, Carrington, Chesley, Darnell, Haynes, Holland, Hunter, Kessler, Kopperl, Lathrop, McGinnis, Mead, Newland, Northington, Peers, Roberts of Harrison, Shaw, Schmidt, Snead, Swisher—21.

The following Representatives voted for Hon. Richard Coke: Allison, Adkisson, Andrews, Blackman, Brooks, Chambers, Cochran, Conley, Douglass, Downs, Gaston, Graham, Griffith, Harris, Hart, Horton, Ikard, Jones of McLennan, Key, Lang, McComb, Marshall, Martin, Pattie, Pickett, Rainey, Schrier, Stewart, Smith of Denton, Smith of Walker, Towles, Warren, Watson, Mr. Speaker—34.

The following Representatives voted for Hon. John Ireland: Adams, Baker, Barziza, Boyd, Burrows, Coleman, Cone, Denman, Dennis, Garrison, Hightower, Holly, Hutchins, Isaacs, Jones of Gonzales, Kinnison, McCorkle, McCuistian, McKennion, Manion, Middlebrook, Moses,

Parker, Price, Quinn, Roberts of Bee, Rust, Smyth of Limestone, Stone, Thompson, Watts, Wilder—32.

The following Representatives voted for Hon. F. S. Stockdale: Perrenot, Rogers, Wilson, Würzbach—4

The Speaker announced as the result of the vote just taken that in the Senate Hon. John Hancock received 8 votes; and in the House 21 votes. Total, 29 votes.

That Hon. Richard Coke had received in the Senate 15 votes; and in the House 34 votes. Total, 49 votes.

That Hon. John Ireland had received in the Senate 7 votes; and in the House 32 votes. Total, 39 votes.

That Hon. F. S. Stockdale had received in the Senate 1 vote; and in the House 4 votes. Total, 5 votes.

Total joint vote 122. Necessary to a choice 62.

Senator Crain moved that the Senate retire to the Senate Chamber.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Brady, Brown, Burton, Carroll, Crain, Ford, Hobby, Ledbetter, Martin, McLeary, McCormick, McCulloch, Motley, Ripetoe, Storey, Terrell, Thompson, Wortham—19.

NAYS—Senators Blassingame, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Grace, Guy, Henry J. R., Henry F. M., Moore, Piner, Smith, Stephens—12.

IN SENATE.

Roll called. Quorum present.

On motion of Senator Storey the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 4, 1876. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Bell county.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Motley presented a petition from numerous citizens of Rusk county, asking for the repeal of "An Act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within five miles of the town of Harmony Hill, in Rusk county," passed at the last session of our Legislature.

Read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Hobby, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary No. 1, submitted the following reports:

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House Bill No. 30, entitled, "An Act ratifying and confirming an ordinance of the city of Houston, adopted December 10, 1875, providing for the consolidation and funding of the bonded indebtedness of said city," have had the same under consideration; and instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage. HOBBY, Chairman.

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 8, entitled: "An Act supplementary to the act of May 12, 1846, en-